

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BENTLEY
GOODSPEED
KENNY
STRAINER
TAYLOR
MCCOY

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR VANNESS

OTHERS PRESENT:

JOHN WAPPETT, PUBLIC DEFENDER
FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CHAMPAGNE
LOEB
MCDEVITT
MERLINO
STEC
SOKOL
THOMAS
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
CHARLENE DIRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Bentley called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee to order at 10:23 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Strainer, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to John Wappett, Public Defender, who presented a request to fill the vacant position of 4th Assistant Public Defender, base salary of \$47,610, Employee No. 11480, due to retirement. He advised the current employee would retire due to health reasons on March 12, 2010. He requested the salary remain higher than that of the 5th Assistant Public Defender, as he wanted to attract applicants with a higher level of experience. He apprised he had three appointments to interview potential candidates in the next few days. He noted the position was not mandated; however, he added, the funding from the County needed to be maintained in order to receive the State reimbursement.

Mr. Strainer asked how long the current employee had been with the County and Mr. Wappett replied two and a half to three years. Mr. Strainer questioned if there would be any difference in salary and Mr. Wappett responded the only difference would be longevity pay of which the employee was receiving \$350.

Motion was made by Mr. Goodspeed, seconded by Mr. Kenny and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the vacant position as presented and to forward same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, stated she had two requests from the District Attorney's (DA's) Office which required Committee approval. The first, she continued, was a request for two employees to attend the Emerging Issues in Victims Rights Seminar in New York City from April

6 to April 8, 2010. She noted the funds were available in the Crime Victims' budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Goodspeed and carried unanimously to authorize attendance at the Seminar as outlined above. *Copies of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention forms are on file with the minutes.*

The second request from the DA's Office, Mrs. Sady said, was a request to host the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Recognition Breakfast on April 19, 2010 at B&B on the Green in Hudson Falls, New York. She noted the County hosted the breakfast annually and the funds were available in the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Goodspeed, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to approve the request to host a meeting as presented. *A copy of the Request to Host Meeting or Conference form is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice Committee, on motion by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Goodspeed, Mr. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist